

location, and said aperture defining a plane which is substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis.

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18. (New) Mask according to claim 17, wherein said tubular mouth-piece has an opening at said distal end larger than an opening facing the microphone capsule.

**Please amend Claims 10, 11, and 13-16 as shown in clean form below. A**

**marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached.**

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10. (Amended) Mask according to claim 17, wherein the mask has a top, bottom and opposed sides, and the aperture of the mouth-piece is elliptical with a greatest dimension of the ellipse extending laterally toward the sides of the mask.

11. (Amended) Mask according to claim 17, wherein the mouthpiece has an acoustic screen positioned in the aperture.

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13. (Amended) Mask according to claim 17, further comprising a baffle fixedly joined to the flexible cap and positioned between the first microphone capsule and the exhalation port.

14. (Amended) Mask according to Claim 17, further comprising a cable and one of two complementary connection pieces of a releasable connector, connected to a first end of the cable, wherein a second end of the cable is directly connected to the first microphone capsule.

15. (Amended) Mask according to claim 17, further comprising plural catches fixedly joined to the flexible cap and mounted substantially perpendicularly to an external face of the flexible cap.

16. (Amended) Mask according to claim 17, further comprising a second microphone capsule, and wherein the first and second microphone capsules are mounted side by side on a base of the mouth-piece.